minimum support prices fixed by the Government of India for different varieties.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1796. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of applications received from freedom fighters under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980;

(b) what was the last date of receipt of such applications;

(c) what is the number of applications that are still pending;

(d) what is the number of persons who have so far been granted pension under this Scheme; and

(e) what is the target date for the final disposal of all the pension applications received so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (e) A total of 1,96,868 applications for grant of pension under Swatantrate Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 have been received since the inception of the Scheme.

The last date for receipt of applications under the Swatantrate Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 was 31-3-82. However, for some special categories like caning cases, Arya Samaj Satyagrahis etc., a later date was prescribed for each category separately.

Till 30th June, 1987, pension has been sanctioned in 23,374 cases and 4004 applications were pending for final disposal.

While no time limit can be fixed for final disposal of the pending applications, every effort is being made to expedite disposal of pending cases.

Production and Export of cotton

1797. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of cotton during the year 1986-87 in term of cotton bales;

(b) what is tre domestic consumtion;

(c) what is the quota allotted for export; and

(d) how much export quota has been given to Maharashtra under its Cotton Monopoly Sheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to the estimates made by the Cotton Advisory Board, the total production and domestic consumption of cotton during 1986-87 are 95 lakh bales and 95.50 lakh bales respectively.

(c) and (d) A quantity of 4,57,357 bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal Deshi cotton has been rtleased for export during 1986-87. Out of this, the Maharashtra State Co-operatice Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation has been allotted a quantity of 1,55,000 bales of long and extra long staple cotton.

Export of Cotton

1798. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stock of cotton bales in the country;

(b) what is the proposal for cotton export and what is the international position about cotton prices;

(c) what are the recommendations of Dr. H. V. Hole Committee about strengthening of Cotton Monopoly Scheme in Maharashtra State; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Cotton stocks are reckoned at the close of the cotton year. The carry-over stock at the end of the current year viz., 31o-8-1987, is estimated at 17 to 18 lakh bales.

(b) Under the long-term export policy on cotton, 5 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Digvijay and Bengal Deshi varieties would be exported per year for a period of three years continuously beginning from 1986-87. During the current cotton year 1986-87, a quantity of 4,57, 357 bales of long and extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales of Bengal deshi cotton was released for export. The prices of cotton in the international market are presently ruling higher than the domestic prices for most varieties.

(c) Government are not aware of the recomendations of Dr. H.V. Hate Committee, as the matter basically concerns the State Government of Maharashtra which operates the Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

रबड़ के उत्पादन को बढ़ाया जाना

1799. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :**
श्री रशीद मसूद :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रबड़ के उत्पादन में वृद्धि के लिए नई तकनीकी को विकसित करने हेतु रबड़ उत्पादकों को शिक्षित करने की एक योजना सरकार ने बनाई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रिय रंजन दास मुंशी) :(क) और (ख) उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए समुन्नत-वैज्ञानिक खेती, वर्षा-रक्षित टैपिंग, चुनिन्दा जोतों में उत्तजकों का प्रयोग आदि जैसी नई तकनीकों को विस्तार सलाहकार सेवाओं के माध्यम से प्रसारित किया जाता है ।

Cash Compensatory Support for Cotton Export

1800. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government have requested the Central Government to sanction reasonable Cash Compensatory Support on the actual export of cotton made by the State Cotton Federation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) the Government of Maharashtra had requested for payment of cash compensatory support to Maharashtra State Co-operative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation to cover the losses incurred by the Federation on its exports of cotton in 1985-86. The request of the State Government was considered and it has been decided not to grant such assistance to the Federation.

Representation from Powerloom Owners of Maharashtra

1801. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from or